GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:437
ANSWERED ON:23.04.2002
IDENTIFICATION OF BPL PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have conducted any survey to identify the people Below Poverty Line (BPL) as per recent directions of the Supreme Court; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the agencies through which the survey was made along with the number of people identified under BPL, State-wise ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) & (b) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.437 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 23RD A
2002.

The Hon`ble Supreme Court, through Interim Order dated 3rd September, 2001 in W.P. (Civil) No.196 of 2001 filed by the Peoples Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) Vs. the Union of India and Others noted that 16 States and Union Territories viz., Arunachal Pradesh Assam, Bihar, Delhi, Goa, Manipur, Nagaland, Orissa, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttaranchal, West Bengal, Chandigarh, Lakshadweep and Pondicherry have not, as yet, identified the families under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY). The Apex Court directed these States/UTs to comply with the Central Government`s directions within two weeks. In a subsequent Interim Order dated 28th November, 2001, the States were directed to complete the identification of BPL and Antyodaya families by 31st December, 2001. All States (including Lakshadweep) have since reported identification of BPL and Antyodaya families.

2. As per the instructions of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, the States would identify the BPL families through the District Administrations. The overall number of BPL families identified for the purpose was restricted to 15.33% of the BPL households in the State, as estimated by the Planning Commission, which are given in the Statement at Annexure.